

Amendment No. 3 to SB2376

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1309, is amended by adding the following new subdivision to subsection (e):

(9)

(A) Employees authorized to carry a handgun pursuant to § 39-17-1351 and permitted to carry a handgun on property operated or controlled by the public institution of higher education at which the employee is employed;

(B) This subdivision (e)(9) shall only apply:

(i) To the institution where the employee is employed, when that institution has adopted a policy permitting employees to carry handguns on institution property as provided in this subdivision (e)(9);

(ii) While the employee is on the property or grounds covered by the institution's policy; and

(iii) When the employee is otherwise in compliance with the policy adopted by the institution;

(C) The board or governing entity of each public institution of higher education, or the chief administrative officer if the institution does not have a board or governing entity, may establish a policy for the carrying of handguns by employees on the campus and grounds of any property owned or operated by the institution, and in any building or structure located on property owned or operated by the institution;

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(D) Any handgun carry policy adopted by the board or governing entity, or the chief administrative officer when appropriate, may:

(i) Prohibit the carrying or possession of a handgun by employees on all property owned or operated by the institution, and in any building or structure located on property owned or operated by the institution;

(ii) Permit the carrying of handguns by employees qualified under this subdivision (e)(9) on all property owned or operated by the institution, and in any building or structure located on property owned or operated by the institution; or

(iii) Permit the carrying of handguns by employees qualified under this subdivision (e)(9) in certain areas on the property of the institution or in certain buildings, and prohibit the carrying in other areas or buildings;

(E) If the board or governing entity, or the chief administrative officer when appropriate, permits the possession of handguns by employees at the institution, the following rules and limitations shall apply:

(i) No employee who is otherwise prohibited from possessing a handgun is permitted to carry a handgun on property owned or operated by the institution; and

(ii) The employee must have a valid Tennessee handgun carry permit, pursuant to § 39-17-1351;

(F)

(i) The handgun carry policy for each institution shall be reduced to writing and disseminated in a manner most likely to ensure that it is known by students attending the institution; the parent or guardian of each student; the faculty, staff, and employees of the institution; and others who may go upon the grounds or enter a building on property owned or operated by the institution. The policy shall be made available in the administration building to anyone desiring a copy, distributed to all interested parties, including parents of minor students enrolled at the institution, and others by a method or methods reasonably likely to ensure dissemination of the policy, such as e-mails, text messaging, or posting on the institution's web site;

(ii) The policy shall go into effect thirty (30) days after it is adopted and disseminated as provided in this subdivision (9)(F)(i);

(G) If an institution does not adopt a handgun carry policy in accordance with this subdivision (e)(9), then the carrying or possession of a firearm is prohibited in accordance with § 39-17-1309;

(H) The chief administrative officer shall submit a copy of the handgun carry policy for the institution to the sheriff's department and, if applicable, police department with jurisdiction over the institution;

(I) As used in subdivision (e)(9):

(i) "Employee" includes all faculty, staff, and other persons who are employed on a full-time basis by a public institution of higher education; and

(ii) "Employee" does not include a person who is enrolled as a student at a public institution of higher education, regardless of whether the person is also an employee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.